

**TOWN OF BEDFORD**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts -- Warrant for a Special Town Meeting**  
To any of the Constables of the Town of Bedford, in the County of Middlesex.

**Greetings:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the legal voters of said Town of Bedford, qualified to vote at Special Town Meeting for the transaction of Town affairs, to meet in said Town in the **Bedford High School Auditorium – Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.**

Then and there to vote upon the following articles:

**Article 1 - Debate Rules**

To determine whether the Town will vote to adopt the following procedure for the current Special Town Meeting:

- A. A speaker presenting an article or amendment to an article shall be limited to ten (10) minutes;
- B. Other speakers shall be limited to five (5) minutes;
- C. No article shall be presented after 10:45 p.m.;
- D. Town Meeting by majority vote may waive A, B, or C;

pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*This article sets out time limitations on presentations and debate of articles before this Town Meeting.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Approval Recommended
Finance Committee:	Approval Recommended

**Article 2 – Establish Special Revenue Account for PEG Access and Cable Related Funds**

To determine whether the Town will vote to accept General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F¾, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operation for fiscal year 2018, which begins on July 1, 2017; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*This article proposes that the Town accept a provision of Massachusetts General Laws allowing municipalities to establish Special Revenue Accounts for funds received by cable television franchise operators for public, educational and governmental access (PEG) purposes. Currently, the Town has re-authorized each year the utilization of a revolving fund for this cable television revenue; however, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue has recently issued an opinion that use of revolving funds for this type of revenue will no longer be permitted after the end of Fiscal Year 2017. With the establishment of a special revenue account, Town Meeting will be asked to approve an annual expense budget for PEG access. The proposed FY18 budget will be presented in the 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Approval Recommended
Finance Committee:	Approval Recommended

**Article 3 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Temporary Moratorium, Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers**

To determine whether the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by adding a new Section 20.0 as follows, to establish a temporary moratorium for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers:

## **20. Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers**

### **20.1 Definition**

A Medical Marijuana Treatment Center is defined under Section 2(H) of Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012 and 105 CMR 725.004 (or their successor provisions).

### **20.2 Temporary Moratorium**

#### **20.2.1 Purpose**

This moratorium is intended to provide restrictions that will allow the Town of Bedford (“Town”) adequate time to consider whether to allow facilities associated with the medical use of marijuana (including Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers as defined herein), to the extent that such facilities are permitted under state laws and regulations, and, if so, where and under what conditions. A law permitting the cultivation, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for medical purposes in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was approved by vote at the Massachusetts state election on November 6, 2012 and codified as Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012 (“Act”), with an effective date of January 1, 2013. In or about May 2013, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (“DPH”) promulgated final regulations regarding implementation of the Act. In or about June 2015, DPH enacted a new application process for the registration of Registered Marijuana Dispensaries. Currently, under the Bedford Zoning Bylaws, a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center is not an expressly permitted use in the Town.

The regulation of medical marijuana raises novel and complex legal, planning and public safety issues, among others. Accordingly, the Town hereby seeks to adopt a temporary restriction on the establishment of such facilities and other uses related to the regulation of medical marijuana in the Town, so that it shall have the opportunity: to study and consider the potential impacts of such facilities and other related uses on adjacent uses and on general public health, safety and welfare; to study and consider the related novel and complex legal, planning and public safety issues; to consider the potential impact of state laws and regulations on local zoning; and to undertake a planning process to consider adopting zoning bylaws and other applicable regulations to appropriately address these considerations, consistent with statewide regulations and permitting procedures. The Town intends that this temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures in the Town for such facilities and uses (including Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers) will allow the Town sufficient time to engage in a planning process to address the effects of such facilities and uses in the Town and to enact bylaws in a manner consistent with sound land use planning goals and objectives.

#### **20.2.2 Exclusion of Other Marijuana Uses**

Any establishment that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to qualifying patients or their personal caregivers shall not be permitted if such establishment has not been properly registered and licensed in accordance with applicable state and local laws and regulations, or is not operated as a not-for-profit entity, or otherwise fails to meet the definition of a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center.

#### **20.2.3 Exclusion of Accessory Uses**

In no case shall the acquisition, cultivation, possession, processing, transference, transportation, sale, distribution, dispensing, or administration of marijuana, products containing or derived from marijuana, or related products be considered accessory to any use.

#### **20.2.4 Temporary Moratorium**

The use of land and/or structures for Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and related uses shall not be permitted in any zoning district in the Town so long as this moratorium is effective, as set forth in subsection 20.2.5 below. Use variances shall be strictly prohibited. During this moratorium, the Town shall undertake a planning

process consistent with the purposes set forth herein, including but not limited to, addressing the potential impacts of medical marijuana in the Town, considering DPH regulations regarding Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and related uses, and considering new zoning bylaws to address the impact and operation of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and related uses.

#### 20.2.5 Expiration

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Bedford Zoning Bylaws to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land and/or structures for a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center and related uses. This moratorium shall be in effect through November 9, 2017.;

pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*This article proposes a moratorium on permitting Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers within Bedford for a one year period upon approval of this Town Meeting. During the moratorium period, Town officials would undertake a planning process to recommend new zoning bylaw provisions that would address the impact and operation of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers including consideration of the appropriate zoning district or districts for their location.*

#### **Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting
Finance Committee:	Approval Recommended
Planning Board:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting

### **Article 4 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Zoning Map**

To determine whether the Town will vote to amend the Bedford Zoning Map to add the former MassDOT Salt Shed site at Crosby Drive/Route 3, described as follows, to the Industrial C District:

Parcel of land described in Exhibit A of Release Deed from Massachusetts Department of Transportation to DIV Bedford, LLC, recorded in Book 65663, Page 90 of the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds and shown as Parcel 4-LS-1 on a plan entitled “Massachusetts Department of Transportation Plan of Road in the Town of Bedford Middlesex County Altered and Laid Out as a State Highway by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division, June 23, 2015, Layout No. 8402”, prepared by BSC Group, Inc., recorded as Plan No. 512 of 2015 of the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, together with the area of the former Crosby Road Right of Way; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*Until recently, this land was part of the Route 3 state limited access highway layout, which is excluded from zoning and shown in white on the Zoning Map. In 2013 the parcel was declared by the state to be excess to highway needs, and in 2015, it was excluded from the highway layout and sold to DIV Bedford LLC, the owner of the adjacent business park. The surrounding zoning on the east side of Route 3 is Industrial C and so that is the logical designation for this land. Crosby Road (an intervening dead end road off Crosby Drive) was discontinued as a public way at Bedford’s November 2015 Special Town Meeting and is owned in conjunction with the adjacent land. The Industrial C zoning will be depicted as encompassing it.*

#### **Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Approval Recommended
Finance Committee:	Approval Recommended
Planning Board:	Approval Recommended

### **Article 5 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment - Industrial and Industrial Mixed Uses**

To determine whether the Town will vote to amend the Bedford Zoning Bylaws as follows:

> Amend Section 15.4 (first paragraph) to delete text, as follows:

Current text to remain, with text to be deleted shown in strikethrough:

#### 15.4 Permitted Uses

The following uses shall be allowed by special permit in Industrial Mixed Use developments;  
~~including a modification to Table I under the Commercial district column, to change the allowed status of industrial mixed uses from “No” (not permitted) to “SP” (allowed by special permit):~~

> Amend Section 15.7.2 by adding text, to insert the word “Planning” before “Board” in two instances as follows:

Current text to remain, with text to be added shown in bold:

#### 15.7.2 Dimensional minima and maxima for the full development parcel:

. . . Minimum Front Setback: As in existing zoning district, but may be reduced by the **Planning** Board.  
Minimum Side and Rear Yards: As in existing zoning district, but may be reduced by the **Planning** Board.

> Amend Section 3.2.3 by adding text and deleting text, to update the nomenclature for the Industrial districts and reorder them, and to delete reference to use for Heavy Vehicular Dealership and Repair Garage, as follows:

Current text to remain, with text to be added shown in bold and text to be deleted shown in strikethrough:

#### 3.2.3 Use within buildings only

A principal use listed in Table I, Subsections 4.5 and 4.6 and permitted in either the Limited Business, General Business, ~~Industrial, or Industrial Park~~ **Industrial A, Industrial B or Industrial C** District shall be conducted entirely within building(s), except where the Bylaw expressly allows all or part of such uses to be conducted outside buildings: 4.5.11 Auto Service Station; 4.5.12 Auto Body Shop; 4.4.14 Parking Facility; **and** 4.6.2 Storage Yard, Open-air Sales; ~~and 4.6.4 Heavy Vehicular Dealership and Repair Garage.~~

> Amend Table I, Use Regulations, by deleting line 4.5.17 under Business Uses and adding a new line 4.6.6 under Industrial Uses as follows:

Text to be added shown in bold and text to be deleted shown in strikethrough:

PRINCIPAL USES	RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS					BUSINESS DISTRICTS			INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS			SITE PLAN APPROVAL
	R	A	B	C	D	LB	GB	C	IA	IB	IC	
<del>4.5.17 Industrial Mixed Use</del>	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	SP	SPM	SPM	SPM	NR
<b>4.6.6 Industrial Mixed Use</b>	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	SPM	SPM	SPM	SPM	NR

> Amend Table I, Use Regulations, by adding a new line 4.6.4 under Industrial Uses as follows:

Text to be added shown in bold:

PRINCIPAL USES	RESIDENTIAL					BUSINESS			INDUSTRIAL			SITE PLAN APPROVAL
	DISTRICTS					DISTRICTS			DISTRICTS			
	R	A	B	C	D	LB	GB	C	IA	IB	IC	
<b>4.6.4 IT, Life and Materials Science &amp; Engineering</b>	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	SPM	Yes	Yes	Yes	<b>R</b>

pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*The first part of this article proposes to remove wording that was part of the preamble of a previous Town Meeting article and was not intended to become part of the bylaw text.*

*For the second part of this article, the Industrial Mixed Use section already specifies the Planning Board as the Special Permit Granting Authority but in these two instances it is not referred to by its full name. Because “Board” on its own is defined in the bylaw to mean the Zoning Board of Appeals, this change will improve the clarity and consistency.*

*The third part of this article proposes to bring the terms used to denote the various Industrial districts into line with previously approved changes, and to order them alphabetically. Heavy Vehicular Dealership and Repair Garage was deleted from the classification of principal uses at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting.*

*The fourth part of this article proposes to adjust Table I to make it consistent with text changes approved at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. The designation SP (special permit) in the column for the C (Commercial) District is changed to SPM (Industrial Mixed Use special permit under Section 15) since that is the type of special permit that applies to an Industrial Mixed Use.*

*The fifth part of this article proposes to modify Table I to include the classified use of IT, Life and Materials Science & Engineering, which was added to the text of Section 4 at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. It also clarifies in which districts the use is allowed, designating it as allowed by right in the Industrial districts and allowable as part of a Mixed Use Special Permit in the Commercial District.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Approval Recommended
Finance Committee:	Approval Recommended
Planning Board:	Approval Recommended

**Article 6 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment - Planned Residential Developments**

To determine whether the Town will vote to amend the Bedford Zoning Bylaws to revise the height and density requirements for Planned Residential Developments as follows:

*> Amend Section 9.2.6 to add and to delete text, as follows:*

Current text to remain, with text to be deleted shown in strikethrough and text to be added shown in bold:

**9.2.6 Height**

The maximum permitted height of any ~~structure~~ **building** within a PRD shall be ~~37~~**35** feet.

*> Amend Section 9.2.6 to delete the last sentence, to read as follows:*

Current text to remain, with text to be deleted shown in strikethrough:

**9.2.3 Maximum Allowable Density**

A number of units in excess of these provisions may be authorized by the Planning Board after approval by Town Meeting of such PRD in accordance with Section 14.8, up to the following maximum densities for the zoning district(s) within which the tract is located: Residence C – five units per acres; Residence B – four units per acre; Residence A – three units per acre; Residence R – two units per acre. ~~Not less than 20% of all units authorized in excess of 25% obtained by the application of Subsection 9.2.2.1 above shall be low and moderate income housing or affordable housing;~~

pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*The zoning rules governing building height in all districts were amended at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. The first part of this article proposes to make the numerical height limit in PRDs consistent with the one that applies in residential standard and cluster subdivisions. The reference to buildings rather than structures will match the language in Section 6.2.10 which covers the method of measuring height. There are safeguards within the bylaw for review of other types of structures.*

*The second part of this article proposes to remove an obsolete sentence. The version of subsection 9.2.2.1 to which it originally referred is no longer in the bylaw. The obligation to require affordable housing remains in other existing language of this Section.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Approval Recommended
Finance Committee:	Approval Recommended
Planning Board:	Approval Recommended

### **Article 7 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment - Site Plans**

To determine whether the Town will vote to amend the Bedford Zoning Bylaw, by amending certain provisions within Section 7.5, relating to Site Plans, as follows:

> *Amend Section 7.5.2.1 to add a new sentence after “Middlesex County Registry of Deeds.” at the end of the third paragraph as follows:*

Text to be added shown in bold:

#### **7.5.2.1 Application for Site Plan Approval**

**. . . Plan sheets of the site and of any proposed engineering, landscaping and other works associated with the site shall bear the stamp of a registered design professional.**

> *Amend the last sentence of Section 7.5.3, to add and delete text as follows:*

Current text to remain, with text to be deleted shown in strikethrough and text to be added shown in bold:

#### **7.5.3 Approval by the Inspector of Buildings**

**. . . The applicant shall provide proof, in the form of an affidavit from a registered professional who is familiar with the original site plan statement duly certified,** that all conditions of the Site Plan Approval have been met before an Occupancy Permit shall be issued.

pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*This article proposes to add a requirement for submitted site plans to bear a professional stamp, to ensure that they are prepared by a qualified person. It also places the burden on the applicant to check for compliance with the terms of approval prior to occupancy.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Approval Recommended
Finance Committee:	Approval Recommended
Planning Board:	Approval Recommended

### **Article 8 – Compensation for Employees Serving in Armed Forces or Reserves**

To determine whether the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 33, Section 59 so as to not reduce compensation to Town employees serving in the armed forces of the commonwealth or in a reserve component of

the armed forces of the United States as specified in said MGL Chapter 33, Section 59, pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

#### **SUBMITTED BY PETITION**

*This article proposes to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws governing the compensation of municipal employees while they serve in the armed forces of the Commonwealth or in a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States.*

#### **Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting
Finance Committee:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting

#### **Article 9 – Lift for Access to Sabourin Field Press Box**

To determine whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$47,369 or any other sum for purchasing and installing a lift to provide persons with physical disabilities access to the Sabourin Field press box; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*This article proposes to appropriate funds for the purchase and installation of a lift to provide persons with physical disabilities access to the Sabourin Field press box above the field's home bleachers. A lift is necessary to be in compliance with Massachusetts building code requirements.*

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Selectmen:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting
Finance Committee:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting
Capital Expenditure Committee:	Approval recommended

#### **Article 10 – Plank Street Acquisition and Acceptance**

To see if the Town will accept Plank Street as a public way within the Town of Bedford, as laid out by the Selectmen, and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, taking or otherwise, any fee, easement or other interest in and any easement related to, the said Plank Street; said land being shown as Parcel No. 20 and the portion of Parcel No. 21 south of Station 446 + 25.43 consisting of 0.9 acres, more or less, as shown on a plan recorded with Land Court Cert. 128858 and shown as Parcel 8B on Bedford Assessors Map 21, consisting of .45 acres, more or less, and being a portion of land previously or currently owned by Esquire Development Corp. as referenced in a deed dated October 9, 1973 and recorded in Book 841, Page 177 at the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*This article proposes to authorize the Selectmen to acquire a .45 acre parcel of land that has been abandoned and is in tax title. The parcel actually is a portion of Plank Street traveling a distance of 903.47 feet from the end of a current portion of Plank Street (just east of Middlesex Turnpike) that is a public way to the Bedford/Billerica Town line. During the recent Phase 2 Middlesex Turnpike improvement project, the Billerica businesses served by Plank Street to the east contributed funds to improve this privately owned portion of Plank Street to bring the street up to current standards. Efforts to identify successors to Esquire Development Corp., a now defunct entity, have been unsuccessful. The Town's tax title counsel has recommended that the Selectmen take this property by eminent domain to eliminate the need of the Town to issue a property tax bill each fiscal year for a parcel which actually serves as a road. The article also proposes that this portion of Plank Street, as well as another portion of Plank Street that was previously taken by eminent domain, be accepted together as a public way.*

#### **Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting
Finance Committee:	Approval Recommended
Planning Board:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting

## Article 11 - Community Preservation Surcharge Effective July 1, 2017

To determine whether the Town will vote to reconfirm a property tax surcharge of three percent (3%) of the taxes assessed annually on real property which shall be dedicated to the Community Preservation Fund, such surcharge to be imposed on taxes assessed for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2017; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*This article would authorize the Town to continue to levy in Fiscal Year 2018 a surcharge of three percent (3%) on property taxes to be used for purposes authorized under the Community Preservation Act, which the Town accepted in 2001. Each year the Town receives matching funds from the Commonwealth, as a result of having accepted this Act. In November 2015, the Town received a total of \$471,294 from Commonwealth distributions. This total match was 33.1%. A conservative 20% match is projected for next year because it is not known at this time how much money will be available and how many communities will be participating in the program. Both Municipal and Commonwealth funds are to be used exclusively for affordable housing, open space preservation, historic properties preservation, and recreation. Under the Act, municipalities are required to spend or reserve for future expenditure at least ten percent of the fund for each of the first three above purposes. The property tax surcharge may be any percentage up to three percent. The Selectmen are placing this article on the Warrant of this Special Town Meeting in keeping with a commitment made at the time the Community Preservation Act was accepted. If Town Meeting were to adopt any percentage other than the current three percent in effect, this change would also need approval of Bedford's registered voters at the Annual Town Election in March 2017.*

### Recommendations:

Selectmen: Approval Recommended  
Finance Committee: Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting

## Article 12 - Amend FY 2017 Community Preservation Budget

The Community Preservation Committee recommends the following amendments to the Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation appropriations voted in Article 20 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, by appropriating or reserving from Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Fund Revenues and the Community Preservation Fund Balance, unless otherwise specified, with each item considered a separate appropriation:

		Previous FY17 Appropriation	Appropriation Change	Total FY17 Recommended
<b>Previous Appropriations</b>				
6	Bond Payment – Liljegren Way/Mudge Way Athletic Fields	\$38,000.00	(\$38,000.00)	\$0.00
<b>New Appropriation</b>				
14	Bedford Housing Authority Life Management Collaborative		\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00

pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*This article proposes amendments to the Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Budget adopted at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. The Community Preservation Committee is recommending a decrease in one appropriation from the amounts originally approved at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. Item 6 is being reduced because the project was delayed and there was no debt payment required in Fiscal Year 2017.*

*The Community Preservation Committee is recommending that an additional appropriation be made to continue the Bedford Housing Authority Life Management Collaborative which is a collaboration between the Bedford Housing Authority and a social services provider to assist families and individuals who are currently living in Bedford Housing Authority units with obtaining access to various life management skills, job training and educational programs, and job referrals. Eligible participants are assigned a case manager who works with them on an assessment to plan goals specific to their individual/family needs, and see them through completion of a program. The program includes*



*measurable milestones, seeks to improve their quality of life, and potentially help them achieve a greater sense of independence.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting
Finance Committee:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting

**Article 13 - Amend FY 2017 Operating Budgets**

To determine whether the Town will vote to amend the sums appropriated under Article 24 of the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, Operating Budget - Fiscal Year 2017, for expenditures by officers, boards, committees, and for the Reserve Fund in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, by either increasing or decreasing said sums, and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised in the tax levy, transferred from available funds, transferred from the Stabilization Fund, borrowed, or by any combination of these methods; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*This article would allow amendments to the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budgets which were adopted at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting
Finance Committee:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting

**Article 14 – Appropriate Funds for Emergency Communications Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement – FY 2017**

To determine whether the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$35,586.65 or any other sum, with a portion of said sum to added to Article 24, Operating Budgets – FY2017, Account #2010, Police Department, as voted at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting to fund the provisions of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Bedford and the Emergency Communications Officers, Local 2310-B, IAFF commencing July 1, 2015 for the Emergency Communications Officers; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*This article would provide additional funds required to compensate members of the Emergency Communications Officers, Local 2310-B, IAFF for services rendered during Fiscal Year 2017 as a result of a Collective Bargaining Agreement commencing July 1, 2015 for a three-year term.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Approval Recommended
Finance Committee:	Approval Recommended

**Article 15 – Appropriate Funds for AFSCME, AFL-CIO, State Council 93, Local 1703 Collective Bargaining Agreement –FY 2017**

To determine whether the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$32,436.39 or any other sum, to be added to Article 24, Operating Budgets – FY2017, Account #4000, Public Works, as voted at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting to fund the provisions of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Bedford and the AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1703 commencing July 1, 2016 for Public Works Department employees who are member of this collective bargaining unit; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*This article would provide additional funds required to compensate members of the AFSCME Council 93, Local 1703 for services rendered during Fiscal Year 2017 as a result of a Collective Bargaining Agreement commencing July 1, 2016 for a three-year term.*

**Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Approval Recommended
Finance Committee:	Approval Recommended

## **Article 16 - Stabilization Fund Appropriation**

To determine whether the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund, as provided under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*This article requests an appropriation to be added to the Stabilization Fund. This fund may be used for any purpose in the future, but requires a vote of Town Meeting in order to transfer and spend any of these funds. The balance in the fund when the warrant went to print was \$4,106,933.25.*

### **Recommendations:**

Selectmen:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting
Finance Committee:	Recommendation to be given at Special Town Meeting

and you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Hall and in at least three other public places in the Town at least fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereof at the time and place of said meeting. Given under our hands on this 3rd day of October in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen.

### **Selectmen of Bedford**

Michael Rosenberg, Chair

Caroline Fedele

Margot Fleischman

William S. Moonan

Mark Siegenthaler

## **Guidelines for Civil Discourse**

The Town of Bedford respects and recognizes each citizen's right to free speech. In order to guarantee all people's right to free speech and to ensure productive civil discourse, we request that all citizens respect the following guidelines.

### **Show respect for others.**

- Discuss policies and ideas, not people
- Only one person should be speaking at any given time
- Use helpful, not hurtful language

### **Speak as you would like to be spoken to.**

- Use courtesy titles (Mr., Ms., Sir, etc.) and ask if unsure
- Restate ideas when asked
- Use a civil tone of voice

### **Agree to listen.**

- Respectfully hear and listen to differing points of view
- When unsure, clarify what you heard
- Realize that what you say and what people understand you to have said may be different
- Recognize that people can agree to disagree

### **Speak for yourself, not others.**

- Speak from your own experience
- Use "I" statements ("I think that the ideas presented...")

Follow agreed upon guidelines regarding who speaks when and for how long.

**Town of Bedford  
Massachusetts 01730**

**Presorted Standard Mail  
Postage Paid  
Permit No. 42  
Bedford, MA 01730**

**Residential Postal Customer  
Bedford, MA 01730**

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